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1. CHINA PLANS TO STAGE THE LARGEST TRADE EXHIBITION EVER HELD IN BANGKOK FROM MARCH 10 TO MARCH 25 ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE BANGKOK "POST" ON 1 FEBRUARY. ACCORDING TO THE "POST" ARTICLE, THE CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE WILL BRING INTO THAILAND 300 TO 500 TONS OF GOODS FOR THE EXHIBITION. THE 3,000 VARIETIES OF GOODS, ABOUT 200,000 PIECES IN ALL, WILL BE DISPLAYED IN A 25,000 SQUARE METER SPACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BANGKOK BAZAAR, A NEW SHOPPING CENTER COMPLEX BEHIND RAJDAMRI ROAD AND CHITLOM ROAD. THIS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN MR. LU FUNG-CHUN REPRESENTING THE CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRADE AND MR. CHAROEN BOONMI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY WHICH DEVELOPED THE NEW CENTER. THE BANGKOK CHINESE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL COOPERATE WITH THE CHINA COUNCIL

IN THE TRADE EXHIBITION AND MANY OF THE GOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC. THE GOODS TO BE DISPLAYED WILL INCLUDE HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS FROM EACH OF CHINA'S PROVINCES AND HEAVY MACHINERY, PRIMARILY FARM MACHINERY. ALSO TO BE DISPLAYED WILL BE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, SPORTS GOODS, CANNED FRUIT AND FOOD, AND READY MADE CLOTHES.

2. THE ADVANCE PARTY OF ABOUT 40 CHINESE ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BANGKOK TOWARD THE END OF FEBRUARY TO PREPARE FOR THE EXHIBITION. IT IS PLANNED THAT VISITORS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

3. COMMENT: AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL TO HOLD AN EXHIBITION WAS REACHED IN DECEMBER 1975 WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE TRADE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WANY YAO-TING, VISITED THAILAND AS A GUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN. THAILAND HAS A SUBSTANTIAL TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE PRC AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TRADE EXHIBITION WILL RESULT IN ORDERS PLACED WHICH WILL INCREASE THIS DEFICIT.
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